

**City of San Diego  
MEDICAL MARIJUANA/CANNABIS TASK FORCE**

**MEETING SUMMARY FOR  
FRIDAY, APRIL 19TH, 2002 @ 12 NOON**

**EXECUTIVE COMPLEX - 5<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR  
1010 SECOND AVENUE**

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**Attendees:**

The following Task Force members were in attendance: Juliana Humphrey, St. Clair Adams, Dale Kelly Bankhead, Dr. Al Best, Jerry Meier, Dr. Daniel Pearce, Larry Chaidez, Michael Bartelmo, Conley Major and Mike Barbee. Staff: Ed Plank, Lt. Cesar Solis and Elmer Heap.

**SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Legislative Sub-Committee**

The Task Force discussed and finalized the final draft of the grow guidelines. Language regarding law enforcement and firearms was discussed. Caregiver may need to be defined better. There was discussion of the most effective way to propose the packaging of the guidelines. Elmer Heap indicated there are “non-charging” sections of the Municipal Code where the guidelines could be stated.

RFP was discussed including concerns on the anticipated costs, Dale indicated that San Francisco used a password protected Website to provide info to law enforcement. It was proposed that would have to have an arrangement with PD to perform background checks. This language would be added to the RFP.

St Clair provided an update on SB 187, the package will not move forward this year based on meetings with the Attorney General and Governor’s Office until January 2004, at the earliest. The Attorney General indicated there maybe renewed energy for developing statewide guidelines later this fall.

**Law Enforcement Sub-Committee**

Conley raised concern over MTDB security response to people who have medical need letters. St Clair will call Jack Limbar at MTDB to discuss.

### **Medical Research Sub-Committee**

No updates provided by UCSD. Sub-committee downloading research overview and will provide a draft for the Task Force at the next meeting scheduled for May 17.

### **Patient/Doctor Sub-Committee**

Jerry Meier provided overview of Website information from Task Force brainstorming.

### **Patient Advocacy Sub-Committee**

City approval of Verification Card Program was mentioned in High Times magazine. Individuals growing cannabis for medical reasons can qualify for reduced utility charges.

### **Media Relations/Outreach Sub-Committee**

All Task Force members need to be notified of sub-committee meetings. Cards to solicit resident input will not be undertaken as a Task Force activity. Will be pursued by private individuals. Video will discuss cannabis patients need and how they obtain it. Emphasis will be on local patients and medical community, not rely on experts from outside the San Diego area since this needs to reflect the standards of our community.

### **Public Comment**

Question on whether guidelines document would be interpreted as requiring a verification card. Response was that this was not the intent, the card was voluntary.